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SUBJECT: MINE- LAYING EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION

1. CHARGE RECEIVED TELEPHONE REQUEST FROM AIDE OF KUWAIT CHIEF OF STAFF THAT TWO KUWAIT ARMY OFFICERS BE ALLOWED OBSERVE US ARMY ENGINEERS OPERATIONS SUCH AS MINE- LAYING, DEMOLITION, AND OTHER OORMAL ENGINEER OPERATIONS IN EUROPE. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO IDENTIFY

EQUIPMENT THAT GOK WOULD LIKE TO PROCURE FROM USG. KUWAITIS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TRIP ASAP BUT EXPLAINED THAT DUE ALERT STATUS KUWAIT MILITARY IT WOULD NOT REPT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO TRAVEL TO US.

2. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES PROBLEMS MAY EXIST WITH HAVING KUWAITIS VISIT US INSTALLATIONS IN GERMANY.

ARE THERE OTHER APPROPRIATE FACILITIES IN EUROPE WHERE VISIT/ DEMONSTRATION CAN TAKE PLACE? ALTERNATIVELY DO ADDREEES

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BELIEVE THAT VISIT OF TWO KUWAITI
OFFICERS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES COULD TAKE PLACE IN
GERMANY WITHOUT UNDUE STRAIN ON US INTERESTS IN
GERMANY OR ON FRG SENSITIVITIES?

3. RE LAST POINT WE NOTE GERMAN EMBASSY HERE HAS

ISSUED VISAS TO KUWAITI MILITARY OFFICERS IN PAST
WITH NO APPARENT HESITANCY. AS DEPT AND EMBASSY
BONN AWARE FRG HAS STRINGENT VISA CHECK
PROCEDURE FOR ARABS AND WE ASSUME GERMAN EMBASSY
HERE HAS SOME IDEA OF PURPOSE OF KUWAITIS TRAVEL
TO FRG AS WELL AS IDENTITY OF TRAVELERS(IE
THAT THEY ARE MILITARY OFFICERS).

4. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ASAP.
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